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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, SEPT. 20, 1976:

PREVIEW

REF: EC BRUSSELS 5816

1. THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL HOLD A COUNCIL MEETING IN
BRUSSELS SEPTEMBER 20. THE EXPECTED AGENDA IS OUTLINED
BELOW:

A. DIRECT ELECTIONS

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO APPROVE AND FORMALLY
SIGN TWO DOCUMENTS ON EP DIRECT SELECTIONS. THE DOCUMENTS,
WHICH ARE UNDERGOING FINAL REVIEW BY COREPER SEPTEMBER 16,
CONSIST ESSENTIALLY OF A FORMAL COUNCIL DECISION APPROVING
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THE TEXT OF THE SECOND DOCUMENT, WHICH IS THE "ACT"

SETTING FORTH THE PROVISIONS FOR THE DIRECT ELECTION OF THE PARLIAMENT.

B. EC/TURKEY-ALTHOUGH THE MATTER IS NOT ON THE FORMAL AGENDA THE MINISTERS ARE LIKELY TO REVIEW THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKEY OVER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EC/TURKEY TRADE AGREEMENT.

C. EC/IRAN-THE MINISTERS WILL REVIEW A COMMISSION REPORT ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PREPARATIONS FOR NEGOTIATION WITH IRAN.

D. EC/CEMA-THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER A COMMISSION OPTIONS PAPER CONCERNING THE TIMING, FORM, AND CONTENT OF THE EC REPLY TO CEMA'S PROPOSAL FOR A COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

E. EC/EGYPT-THE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE A MANDATE FOR THE COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT ON A COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

F. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE-THE COUNCIL WILL REVIEW THE CURRENT STATE OF THE PARIS CIEC TALKS.

G. UNCTAD-THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO RESUME THEIR DISCUSSIONS, BEGUN DURING THEIR INFORMAL SEPTEMBER 11-12 MEETING, OF UNCTAD ISSUES, SPECIFICALLY RAW MATERIALS AND THE COMMON FUND. THE EC HAS BEEN CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING A LETTER TO THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT INDICATING ITS VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED COMMON FUND.

H. TINDEMANS REPORT-DURING A PRELIMINARY MEETING, THE MINISTERS WILL ALSO RESUME THEIR DISCUSSION OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE TINDEMANS REPORT (EUROPE IN THE WORLD).

I. EC/PORTUGAL-THE FORMAL SIGNING BY THE MINISTERS AND PROTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER FERREIRA OF TWO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS TO THE 1972 EC/PORTUGAL TRADE AGREEMENT (EC BRUSSELS 5816), AND OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT COVERING THE PERIOD UNTIL THOSE PROTOCOLS COME INTO EFFECT, IS SCHEDULED FOR NOON, SEPTEMBER 20.

J. ACCESSION OF NEW ACP COUNTRIES THE COUNCIL MAY TAKE UP COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO SIGN ACCESSION AGREEMENTS TO THE LOME CONVENTION FOR SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE AND CAPE VERDE AND AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE SUCH AN AGREEMENT

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WITH PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA. THE ONLY MAJOR OUTSTANDING ISSUE IS THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID TO BE GRANTED TO THSE COUNTRIES. HINTON

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